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# Oxy-Combustion Pressurized Fluidized Bed with Carbon Dioxide Purification

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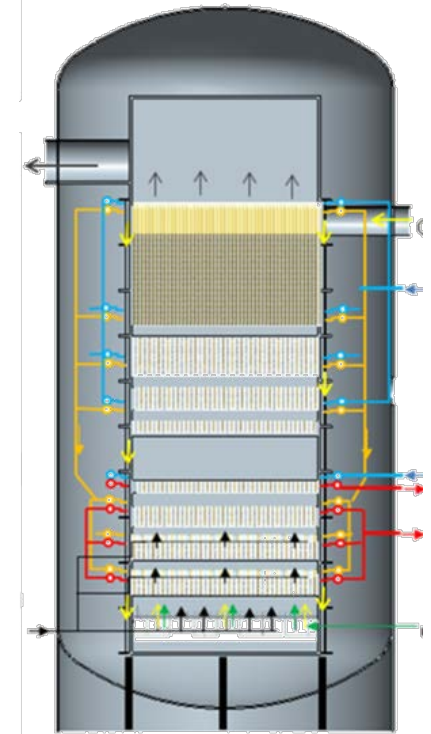
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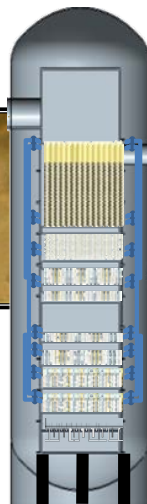
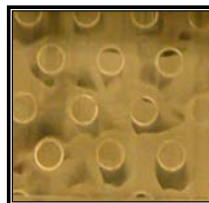
*Commercial scale  
Oxy-PFBC*

# Phase II Oxy-fired Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustor (Oxy-PFBC) Overview

## Description and Impact

### Phase II Description

- Advance Oxy-PFBC technology to TRL 6 through pilot testing
- Budget: \$19.1M (\$12M DOE funding)
- Period of Performance: 39 months (7/1/2014 - 9/30/2017)
- Impact: Exceed DOE Goals of >90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture with no more than 35% increase in cost of electricity



## Team Members and Roles

- **Gas Technology Institute (GTI)** – Lead, PFBC technology
- **Linde, LLC** – Gas supply, CPU technology, HEX design
- **CanmetENERGY** – Pilot plant test facility and test support
- **GE** – PFBC design support and commercialization partner
- **Pennsylvania State University (PSU)** – Fuel & limestone testing, agglomeration model development
- **Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)** – End user insight, review of process and cost modeling

## Project Objectives

- Assess the components of the system designed in Phase I to confirm scalability, performance, and cost
- Test the system at subscale pilot facility to evaluate system performance and operability
- Develop algorithms to model the components and system for scale-up
- Use the validated models to predict commercial scale cost of electricity
- Develop Phase III project plan, risk mitigation status and TRL advancement, and identify partners and sites for 30-50 MWth plant

## Schedule

Tasks	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Program Management	Final Report		
Component testing	Cold Flow Test	Component Tests	
Design	Pilot Design	Demo Plant Pre-FEED Design	Material & TRL Evaluation
Analysis		MFIX Modeling	
Pilot Test	Go/No Go Decision Gate for Testing	Pilot Fab	Pilot Testing
Commercialization Plan	Demo and Commercial Plant Economics		Permit Risk Assessment
			TRL 6 Demonstrated

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# Oxy-PFBC Technology Overview

## INNOVATION

- High power density reactor for coal-fired plants with CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - In-bed heat exchanger for ultra-compact combustor
  - Elutriated flow removes ash and sulfur prior to CO<sub>2</sub> recycle
  - 1/3 the size and half the cost of traditional boiler

## BENEFITS

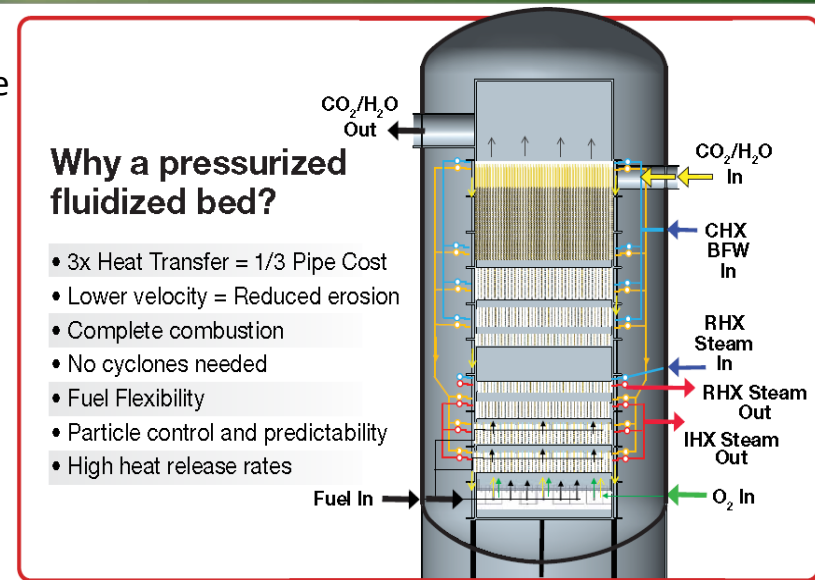
- Produces affordable electric power with near zero emissions
- Produces steam for heavy oil recovery using low value feedstock (petcoke, coal, biomass)
- Produces pure CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

## MARKETS

- Electric power generation with CO<sub>2</sub> capture, including CHP
- Heavy oil production (once-through steam)
- Light oil production (CO<sub>2</sub> floods)

## STATUS

- Long-life, in-bed heat exchangers demonstrated in 1980s
- Two active DOE contracts
- Next step: TRL 6 by Spring 2017 with Pilot scale (1 MWth) testing

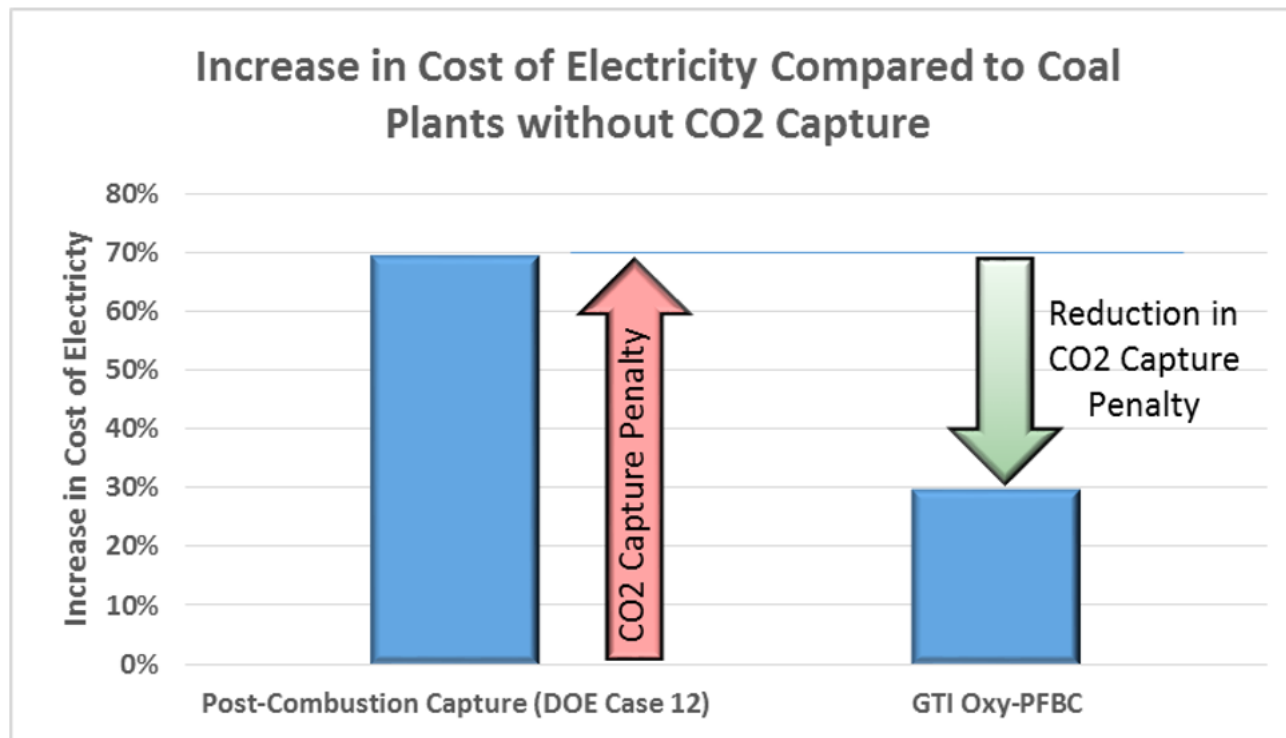


Commercial Scale PFBC Concept

Heritage Rocketdyne  
Test Facility that  
Demonstrated  
Long Life In-bed Heat  
Exchanger



# Technoeconomic Analysis Results



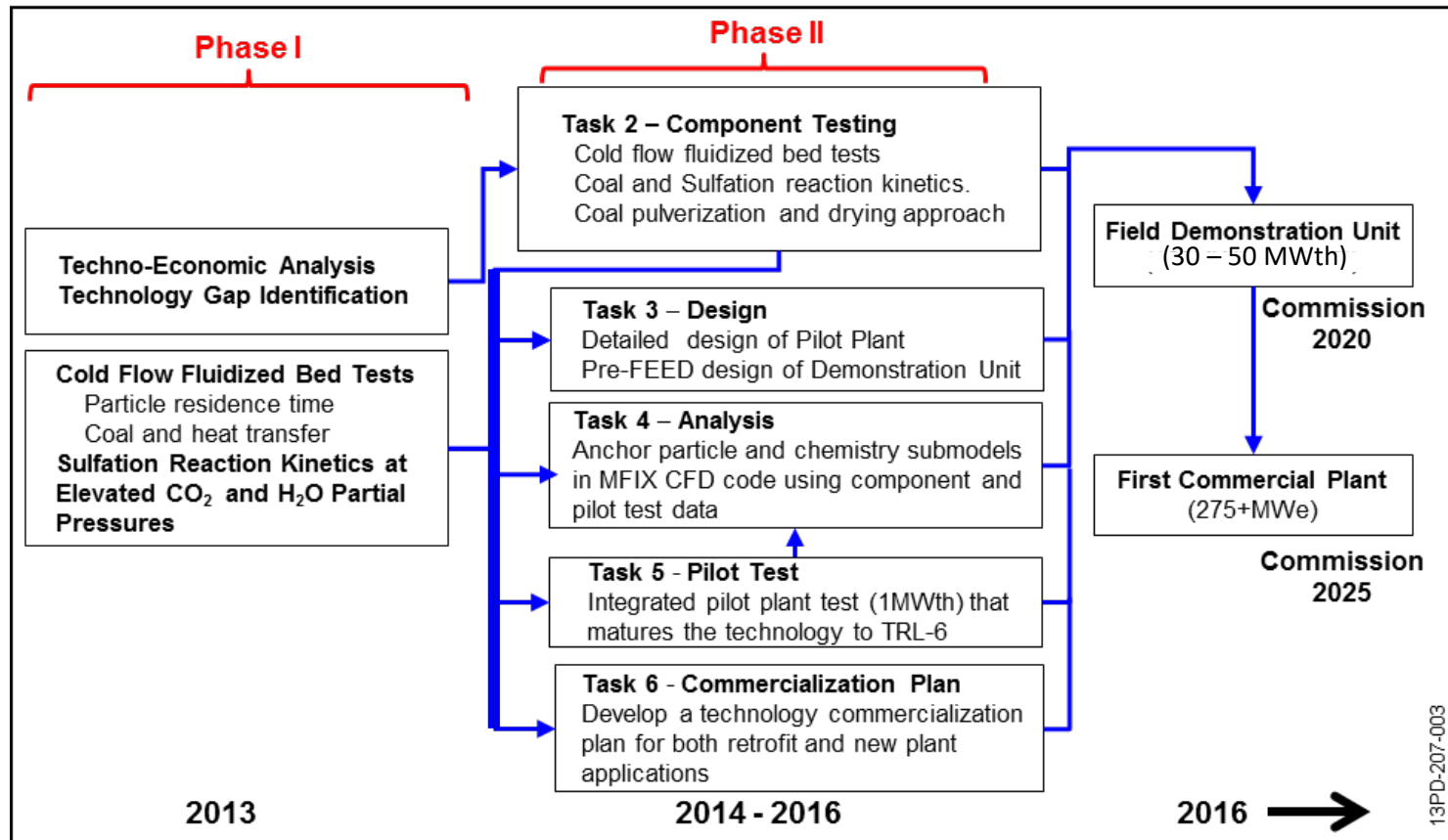
- TEA updated to reflect component testing results
  - Component testing validated design assumptions – no change to performance
- Primary contributors to reduced cost include significantly reduced CapEx from lower cost combustor and gas cleanup equipment

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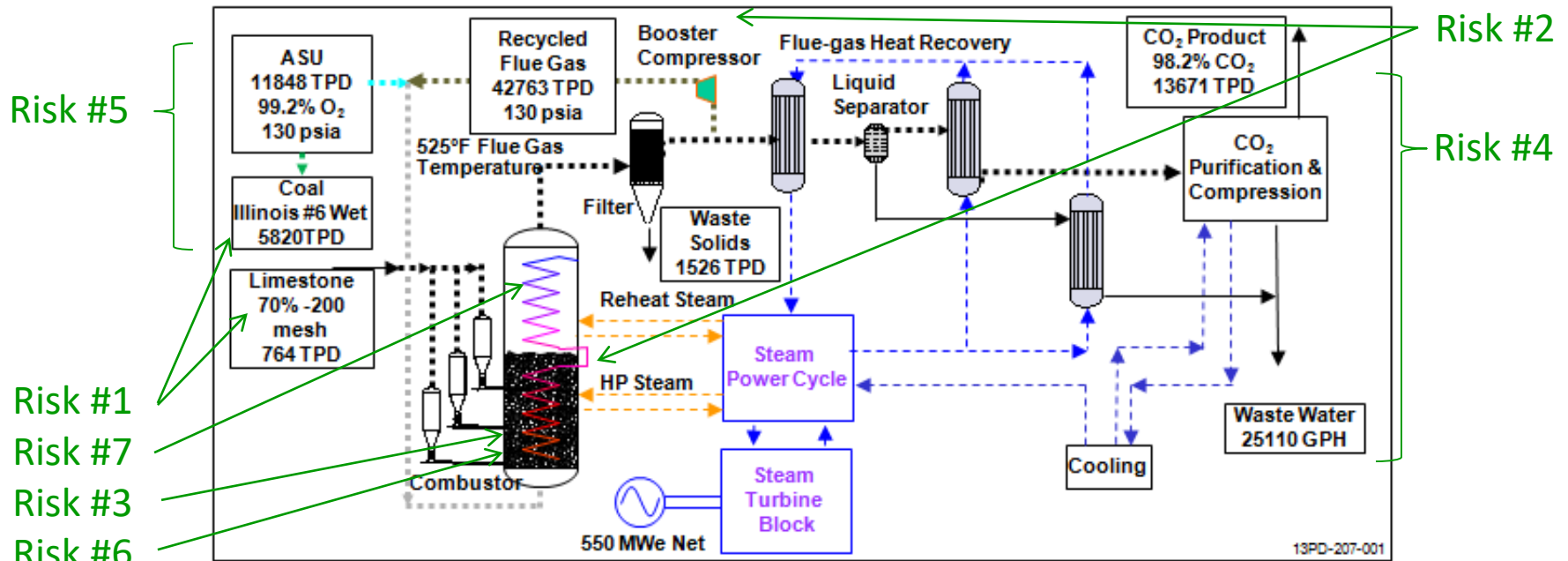
# Technical Approach



- **Success Criteria:** Provide knowledge for target operating conditions and design features for the demonstration and commercial scale units. Examples:
  - Use test data to calibrate models for combustion, bed stability and heat removal, enabling a trade of bed height and staging strategy for commercial plants
  - Pressurized staged oxy-combustion system operation is characterized to develop operability criteria and scaled-up system requirements

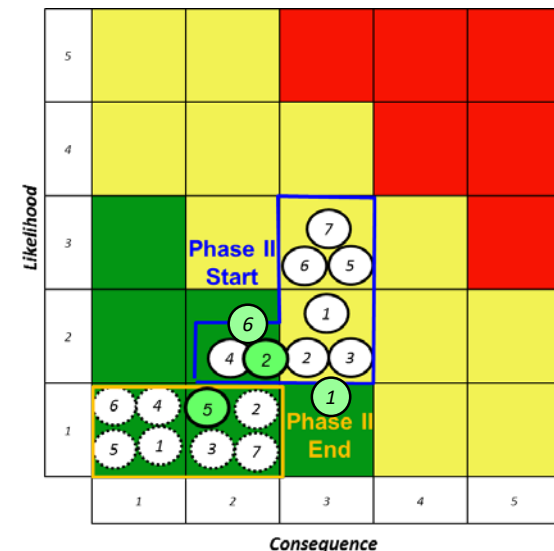


# Risks for Commercial System Development



## Risks/mitigation

- 1) Reaction chemistry is too fast/slow  
*Mitigation: Coal and sulfation reaction testing, Pilot plant testing*
- 2) Bubbling bed fluidizing velocity inappropriate or unstable  
*Mitigation: Cold flow fluidized bed testing, Pilot plant testing*
- 3) In-bed HEX erosion/corrosion shortens life  
*Mitigation: Cold flow fluidized bed testing, Pilot plant testing*
- 4) Flue Gas does not meet emissions or pipeline specs  
*Mitigation: Pilot plant testing*
- 5) Pulverization and drying of coal lowers efficiency by using too much CO2 or heat  
*Mitigation: Use waste heat for drying*
- 6) Inert particles change size over time leading to inoperable conditions  
*Mitigation: Pilot plant testing and analysis*
- 7) Corrosion in convective HEX or recycle gas due to exceeding acid dewpoint limits  
*Mitigation: Pilot plant testing and analysis*



# Commissioning Approach

- Commissioning Phase 1: Leak and Gas Distribution Flow Tests
  - **Objectives:** Cold flow of fluids through all gas and fluid systems. Testing of flow and pressure loops including startup / shutdown sequences and power loss scenario.
  - **Status:** Complete
- Commissioning Phase 2: Solids Flow Systems
  - Objectives: Cold flow operation of all solid material systems, including filters and solids removal. Bed behavior characterized at elevated pressure.
  - **Status:** Complete
- Commissioning Phase 3: Warm-up Systems
  - Objectives: Characterize operation of startup burner/heater and heat tracing. Test startup/shutdown procedures, bed behavior at elevated temp and pressure.
  - **Status:** Complete
- Commissioning Phase 4: Coal Start-up and Shut-Down
  - Objectives: Characterize operation of system with coal ignition and burning. Test startup/shutdown procedures, gas cleanup equipment at elevated temp and pressure.
  - **Status:** Complete

Performance checks of safety equipment and procedures conducted during each phase

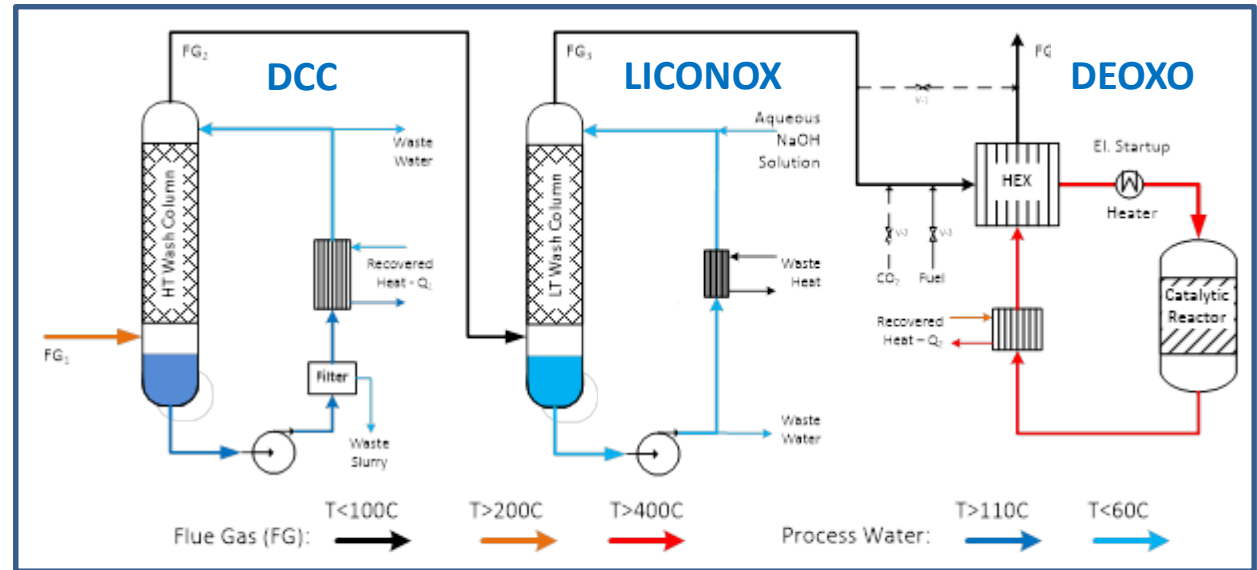
# Performance Test Objectives

- Validate assumptions for sulfur capture and flue gas purification
- Explore the effect of oxygen mole % on carbon burnout and particle agglomeration.
- Explore the effect of bed depth on carbon burnout
- Validate particle reaction rates and residence time requirements
- Validate thermal models for system level heat integration
- Validate operational procedures
  - Natural gas warm up to coal ignition temperatures
  - Transition to oxy-Combustion at pressure
  - Control recycle gas flow rates and temperatures
  - Control bed depth
  - Solids injection and removal systems

# CO<sub>2</sub> Purification Unit (CPU) Test Approach

## ➤ CPU includes 3 components

- **Direct Contact Cooler (DCC)** – Cools flue gas, condenses water, recovers heat, removes ash and HCl
- **LICONOX** – Removes NO<sub>x</sub> and residual SO<sub>x</sub>
- **DEOXO** – Removes O<sub>2</sub> and recovers heat



## ➤ Commissioning includes 2 phases

- **Operational tests** – Demonstrates that all pipes, valves and instrumentation are properly installed, and all control and safety systems operate as designed
- **Efficiency tests** – Demonstrate efficiencies of temperature and condensate flowrate control systems for DCC and LICONOX columns

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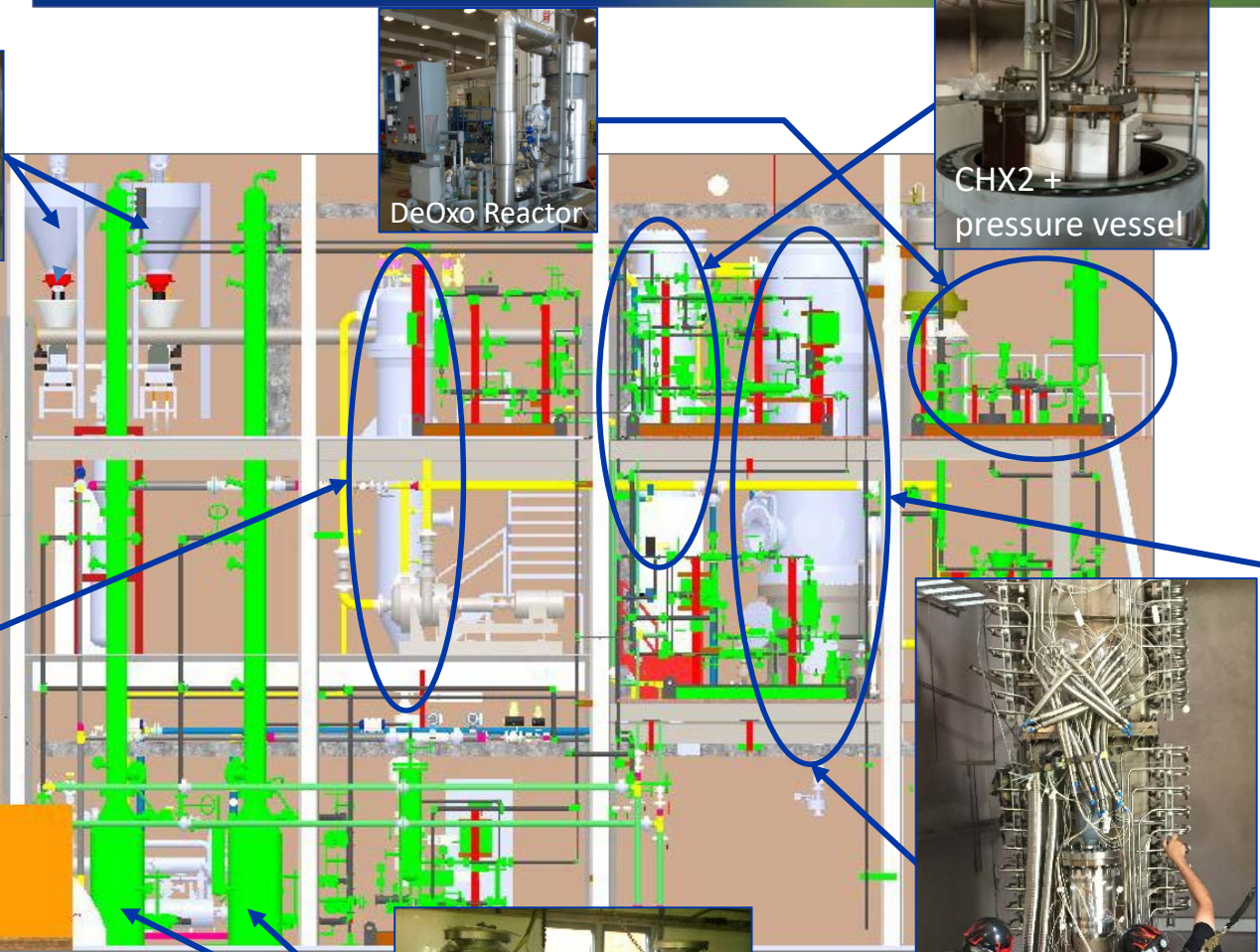
# Significant Accomplishments

- 1 MWth pilot plant construction completed at CanmetENERGY
- Commissioning tests demonstrated:
  - Coal ignition and burning in combustor
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Purification Unit operation
    - Direct contact cooler operation with combustor flue gas
    - Liconox and DeOxo in standalone tests
- Initial performance testing also demonstrated:
  - Air and oxy-combustion ignition / operation
  - Pure oxy-combustion operation at full pressure (120 psia)
  - Validated sulfur capture method in bed with 95-99% capture

# Pilot Plant Overview



Coal & dolomite hoppers



DeOxo Reactor



CHX2 + pressure vessel



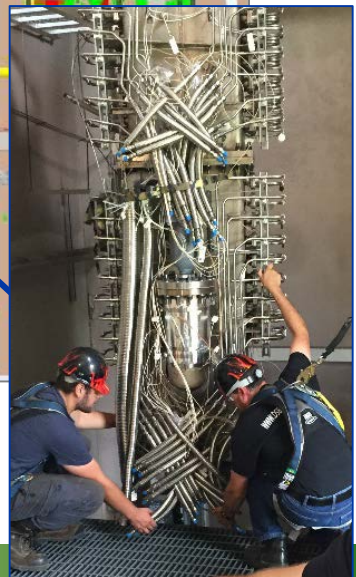
Fly ash filter



PFBC Pressure Vessel

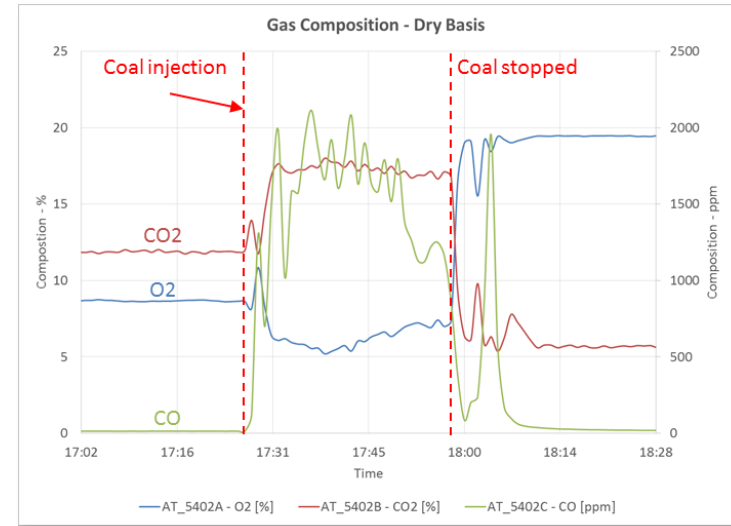
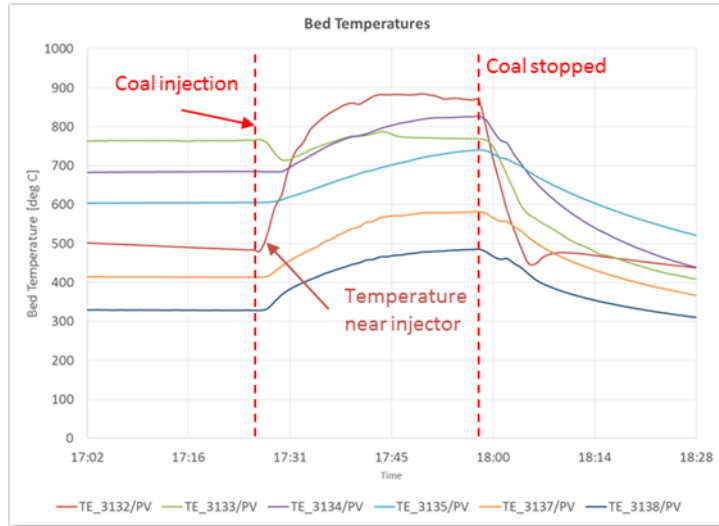


DCC & LICONOX bases



Combustor

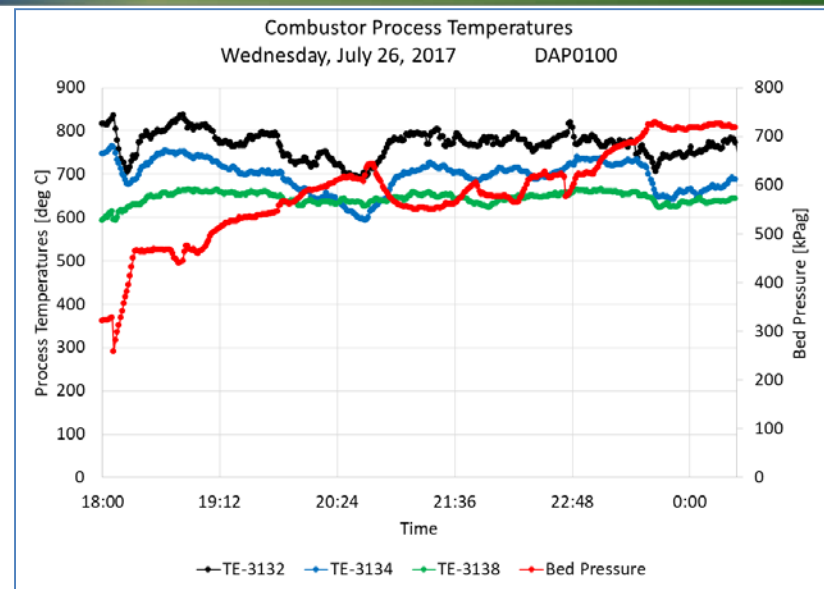
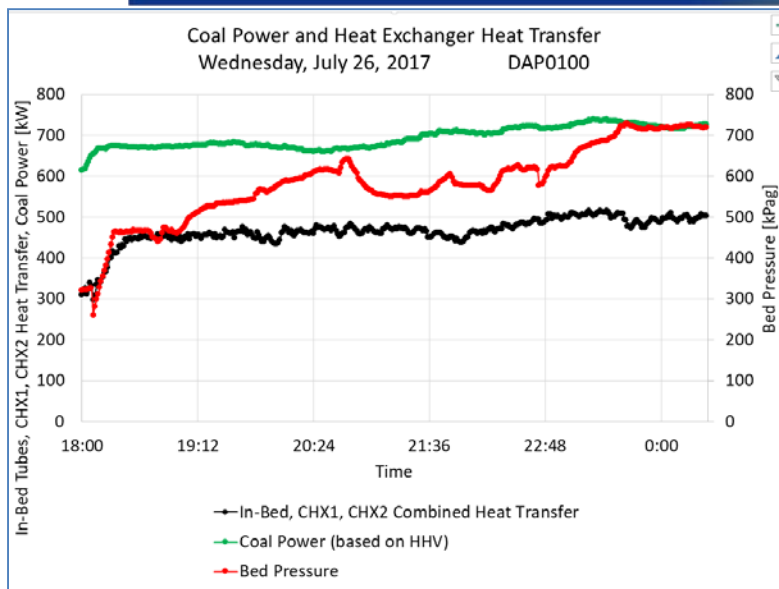
# Oxy-PFBC Commissioning Results



- Plant was successfully commissioned, including component and system testing
- Successful ignition and sustained burning demonstrated
  - Ignition was robust and repeatable as parameters varied
  - Varied bed mass and mass flow for: coal, natural gas, oxidizer, recycle gas

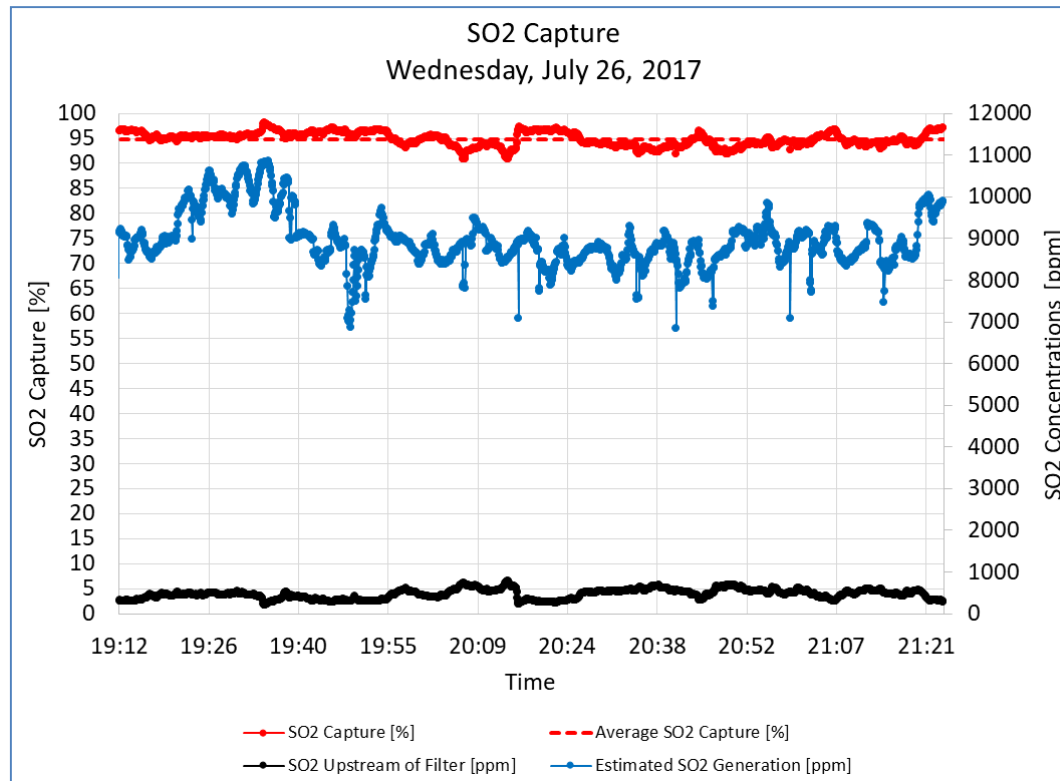


# Oxy-PFBC Test Results



- Initial testing demonstrated successful oxy-combustion at full operating pressure
  - Demonstrated ignition and burning in both oxy-fired and air-fired modes
  - Ignition at 300 kPag, then ramped up to over 700 kPag
  - Temperature variation in bed of  $\sim 125\text{-}175\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - Fuel feed at  $\sim 0.7\text{ MWth}$

# Oxy-PFBC Test Results



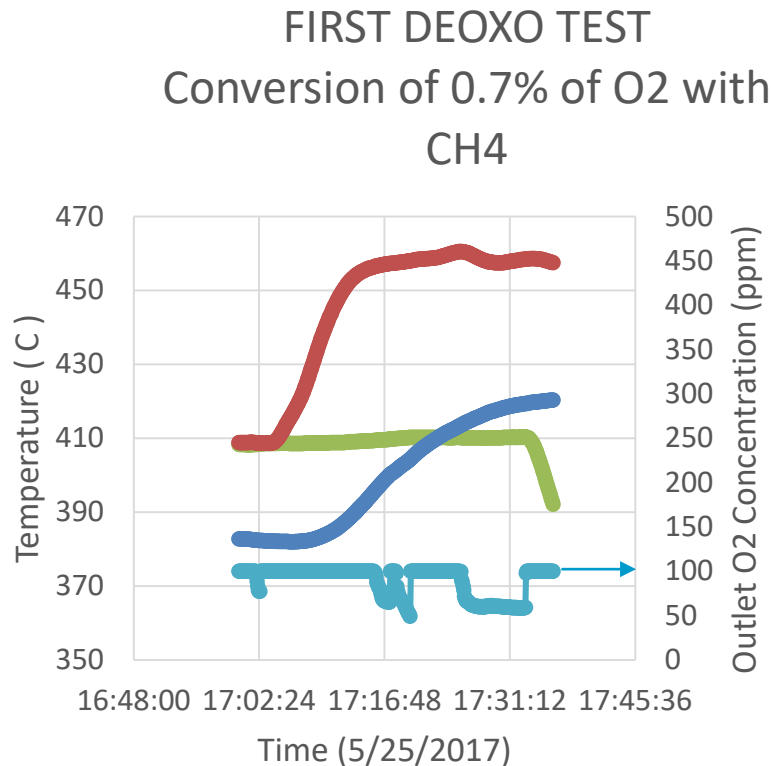
- Demonstrated average sulfur capture of 95% in the fluidized bed
- Sulfur capture downstream of filter estimated at >99% prior to entering CO<sub>2</sub> purification unit

# CO<sub>2</sub> Purification Unit Test Results

<u>Parameter or Relationship</u>	<u>How achieved</u>	<u>Implications of Test</u>
DCC Temp & Condensate Flow control	Test performed with heated air and flue gas of natural gas combusted with air	Systems working
DCC Level & Temp Trips	Test performed with water	Systems working
LICONOX® Temp & Condensate Flow control	Test performed with heated air	Systems working
LICONOX® Level, Condensate Flow and Acidity (pH) control	Test performed with water and caustic solution	Systems working
DeOxo start up heater & HEX	Test performed with air and CO <sub>2</sub>	Systems working
DeOxo O <sub>2</sub> conversion, along with Temp and Composition (HC & O <sub>2</sub> ) trips	Test performed with synthetic flue gas	Systems working

- CPU successfully commissioned and ready for performance testing with flue gas from oxy-coal PFBC
- Limited DCC tests so far performed with low pressure flue gas from air fired natural gas (P<1.5 Bara, H<sub>2</sub>O conc. < 10%) confirmed efficient water condensation under controlled conditions

# CO<sub>2</sub> Purification Unit Test Results



—●— Feed to Rx Temp      —●— Reactor Temp  
—●— Outlet from Rx Temp      —●— Outlet O2 from Rx

- Encouraging initial DEOXO test
  - Achieved performance targets using synthetic flue gas
  - O<sub>2</sub> Conversion > 99%
  - CH<sub>4</sub> Slip < 0.1 %
- Operating conditions
  - Feed to DEOXO Reactor: 0.7% O<sub>2</sub>, 2.6% N<sub>2</sub>, 0.4% CH<sub>4</sub>, 96.3% CO<sub>2</sub>
  - P=6 Bara
  - Inlet T=410 C
- Future testing planned with Oxy-PFBC flue gas

# Oxy-PFBC Lessons Learned

- Promising initial results with no significant issues or showstoppers identified
- Early tests provided significant learning on how to start and control the system
- Initial tests had more bed expansion than anticipated – bed particles too small
  - Bed covered more active heat exchanger tubes than expected
  - Result was overcooling of the bed and poor carbon conversion
- Test ended prematurely due to erosion of coal feed line
  - Erosion due to tight radius bends and excessive velocity
- Issues being corrected with next test scheduled for mid-September

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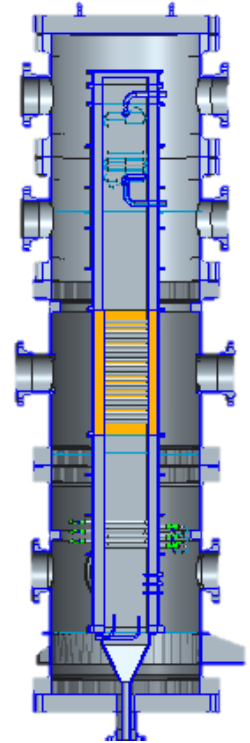
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# Future Plans

## ➤ Phase II plans

- Complete pilot scale testing
  - Update performance and techno-economic analysis
  - Material and TRL evaluation
  - Anchor analysis codes
- Complete commercialization activities



*1 MWth pilot  
scale Oxy-PFBC*

# Oxy- PFBC Commercialization Plan

Phase I – 2012 – 2013

Phase II – 2014 – 2017

Phase III – 2018 – 2022

Phase IV – 2021 – 2026

## Cold Flow Testing & Bench Scale Kinetics (TRL 3)

### Demonstrates:

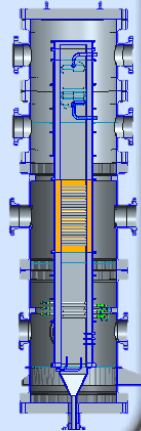
- Coal & sulfation reaction rates at high CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O partial pressure
- Heat transfer coefficients
- Bubble control
- Residence time



## Pilot Plant (TRL 6)

### Demonstrates:

- Pressurized system operation
- Elutriated bed operation and chemistry
- Flue gas clean-up
- Erosion risks



## Large Pilot / Demo Plant

### Demonstrates:

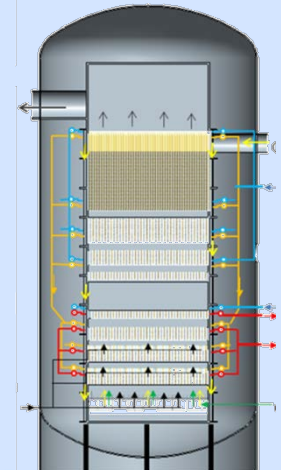
- Operation at scale
- Component life
- Operating parameters
- Maintenance approaches
- Erosion risks



## Commercial Demonstration 5+ years

### Validates:

- System efficiency
- Capital costs
- O&M costs



**Duty Size** ~1 MWth  
~1 foot scale

~30-50 MWth  
~3-4 foot scale

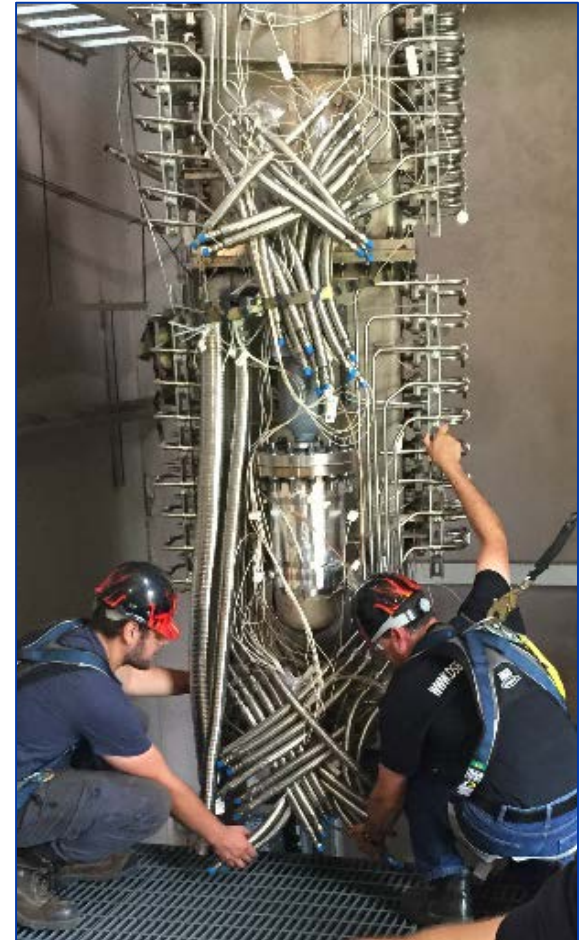
275+ MWe  
~20+ foot scale

Plan for commercial scale demonstration by 2026



# Summary

- Commissioning and initial tests completed
  - Combustor demonstrated robust ignition, oxy-combustion at full pressure
  - Demonstrated excellent in-bed sulfur capture
  - DeOxo achieved performance goals with synthetic flue gas
- TEA update
  - Exceeds DOE goals, with >50% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> capture penalty relative to DOE Case 12
- Next test planned for September



*Lowering combustor into pressure vessel at CanmetENERGY*

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